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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE APPROPRIAT
	B1	4,315,166	02/09/1982	Hughes			
	B2	4,186,637	02/05/1980	Swain et al.			
	B3	3,997,800	12/14/1976	Bain			

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	B4	1241788 A1	03/13/2001	EP			

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	B5	Oberman, R.M.M., "Electronic Counters" 1973, The Macmillan Press, pgs. 198-201, XP002274108.
	B6	International Search Report, Application No. PCT/US 02/41658, mailed 05/14/2004.

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